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"AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY ASSESSMENTS AND ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
2 and internal references accordingly

3 In line 140, after "a", insert "project for"

4 In line 141, after "entrance", but before the comma, insert "for
5 inclusion on any listing submitted to the General Assembly in
6 accordance with section 10-283 on or after July 1, 2008"

7 Strike lines 143 to 294, inclusive, in their entirety

8 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
9 internal references accordingly:

10 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June
11 30, 2008, the Department of Education shall administer, within
12 available appropriations, a school security competitive grant program

13 to reimburse towns for certain expenses for schools under the
14 jurisdiction of the town's school district incurred on or after the
15 effective date of this section for: (1) The development or improvement
16 of the security infrastructure of schools based on the results of
17 assessments of security for the entrances of the schools pursuant to
18 subsection (b) of this section including, but not limited to, the
19 installation of surveillance cameras, entry door buzzer systems, scan
20 cardsystems, panic alarms or other systems; and (2) (A) the training of
21 school personnel in the operation and maintenance of the security
22 infrastructure of school entrances, or (B) the purchase of portable
23 entrance security devices, including, but not limited to, metal detector
24 wands, screening machines and related training. The Commissioner of
25 Education, in consultation with the Commissioners of Emergency
26 Management and Homeland Security and Public Safety, shall
27 determine which expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the
28 program. Each local and regional board of education may, on behalf of
29 its town or its member towns, apply to the Department of Education
30 for a grant at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of
31 Education prescribes.

32 (b) A town may receive a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible
33 expenses. The percentage shall be determined as follows: (1) Each
34 town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred
35 sixty-nine according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of
36 section 10-262f of the general statutes, (2) based upon such ranking, a
37 percentage of not less than twenty or more than eighty shall be
38 assigned to each town on a continuous scale, and (3) the town ranked
39 first shall be assigned a percentage of twenty and the town ranked last
40 shall be assigned a percentage of eighty. If there are not sufficient
41 funds to provide grants to all towns based on the percentage
42 determined pursuant to this subsection, the Commissioner of
43 Education, in consultation with the Commissioners of Emergency
44 Management and Homeland Security and Public Safety, shall give
45 priority to applicants on behalf of schools with the greatest need for
46 security infrastructure, as determined by said commissioners based on

47 assessments of security for the entrances of the schools under the
48 jurisdiction of the town's school district conducted pursuant to this
49 subsection. Of the applicants on behalf of such schools with the
50 greatest need for security infrastructure, said commissioners shall give
51 first priority to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security
52 infrastructure for entrances at the time of such assessment and
53 succeeding priority to applicants on behalf of schools located in
54 priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p of the general
55 statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this section, an
56 applicant board of education shall (A) demonstrate that it has
57 developed and periodically practices an emergency plan at the schools
58 under its jurisdiction and that such plan has been developed in concert
59 with applicable state or local first-responders, and (B) provide for a
60 uniform assessment of the entrances of the schools under its
61 jurisdiction, including any security infrastructure, using the National
62 Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities' Safe Schools Facilities Check
63 List. The assessment shall be conducted under the supervision of the
64 local law enforcement agency. The Commissioner of Education may
65 enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Commissioner of
66 Emergency Management and Homeland Security concerning the
67 distribution of grant funds pursuant to this section.

68 Sec. 502. Section 10a-55a of the general statutes is repealed and the
69 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

70 (a) On or before September 1, 1991, and annually thereafter, each
71 institution of higher education shall prepare in such manner as the
72 Commissioner of Higher Education shall prescribe a uniform campus
73 crime report concerning crimes committed in the immediately
74 preceding calendar year within the geographical limits of the property
75 owned or under the control of such institution. Such report shall be in
76 accordance with the uniform crime reporting system pursuant to
77 section 29-1c, provided such report is limited to those offenses
78 included in part I of the most recently published edition of the
79 Uniform Crime Reports for the United States as authorized by the
80 Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Department of

81 Justice and sexual assault under sections 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-
82 71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b and 53a-73a. The state police, local police
83 departments and special police forces established pursuant to section
84 10a-142 shall cooperate with institutions of higher education in
85 preparing such reports. Institutions with more than one campus shall
86 prepare such reports for each campus.

87 (b) Each annual report prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this
88 section shall include (1) the number of full-time equivalent students,
89 (2) the number of full-time equivalent employees, (3) the number of
90 students and employees residing in campus housing, and (4) for each
91 category of offense, the number of incidents reported and the crime
92 rate. The crime rate shall be equal to the number of incidents reported
93 divided by the total number of full-time equivalent students and
94 employees.

95 (c) On or before October 1, 2007, each institution of higher education
96 and private occupational school, as defined in section 10a-22a shall
97 have an emergency response plan. On or before October 1, 2007, and
98 annually thereafter, each institution of higher education and private
99 occupational school shall submit a copy of its emergency response plan
100 to (1) the Commissioners of Public Safety and Emergency Management
101 and Homeland Security, and (2) local first responders. Such plan shall
102 be developed in consultation with such first responders and shall
103 include a strategy for notifying students and employees of the
104 institution or school and visitors to such institution or school of
105 emergency information.

106 [(c)] (d) Each institution of higher education shall notify, in writing,
107 each person who submits an application for admission to the
108 institution, each new employee at the time of employment and all
109 students and employees annually at the beginning of each academic
110 year of the availability of the report prepared pursuant to subsection
111 (a) of this section and shall, upon request, provide the most recent
112 report to any such applicant, employee or student."